

Hylan Squeezes Bureau to Aid Street Cleaning

Calls Estimate Board on Learning of \$1,000,000 Deficit to Make Up Funds From Other Departments

Schools Also Helped

Comptroller Says Emergency May Be Met With Short-Term Bonds on Notes

When Mayor Hylan awoke yesterday morning and saw the snow in his front yard he hurried to the City Hall earlier than usual, determined that the deficit in the Street Cleaning Department should be made up forthwith. The season's first snow storm stirred unpleasant memories in the Mayor's mind of the city's experience during his first administration, when traffic was suspended for days and days because of the failure of the Street Cleaning Department to respond to the emergency.

The matter of \$1,000,000 deficit in the educational budget, the charitable institutions and other departments for the rest of the year had been the cause of stormy controversy in the open meetings of the Board of Estimate during the Mayor's absence in the Middle West. Nothing much has been said about the shortage in the Street Cleaning Department. The Mayor promptly convened the board in executive session as a committee of the whole yesterday, and it was understood that street cleaning was the first consideration.

\$522,000 Is Needed

It was found that that department needed \$522,000, which had been taken from its funds to meet earlier deficiencies in other departments, and the charitable organizations were short \$570,000, which had been used for a similar purpose. Examiners of the Board of Estimate had been prying around in the borough presidents' offices and other city departments to find what money they could in unused funds, surpluses and accruals, to cover the deficits. Fortified with their reports the Mayor and Comptroller Craig wielded the big stick in the meeting yesterday and forced the borough presidents and other departments to disgorge enough to cover the two items. After this major operation had been performed the fact was disclosed by the Comptroller, and broken gently to the members of the board, that the Board of Estimate was still short \$600,000.

The departments that contributed toward the \$1,000,000 deficit maintained that they had been picked to the bone and had given the last penny they could without running behind themselves before the end of the year. It was left to the Comptroller to find some other way of raising the \$600,000. It was said at the Comptroller's office that this would probably have to be done by the issue of short-term bonds or notes to meet the emergency, presumably to be taken care of next year.

Money From Other Departments

To meet the Street Cleaning Department and Charitable Institutions deficiency moneys were transferred from various department surpluses and accruals. The chief items consisted of \$222,000 from the Police Pension Fund, \$213,000 from the borough presidents' offices, \$75,000 from the Board of Elections, \$33,000 from the Dock Department and \$13,000 from the Department of Plant and Structures. The Board of Aldermen were also called upon to issue the remaining \$200,000 of special revenue bonds in their legal allotment of \$2,000,000 annually for emergencies. The balance was made up of smaller transfers from other departments.

Comptroller Craig had been pounding the borough presidents hard recently to make good their promises of several months ago that they would contribute largely toward the year-end deficiencies. They finally came through yesterday with less than half of what was expected of them—all but Borough President Maurice E. Connolly of Queens, who declined to contribute on the ground that he had barely enough to carry his department through the year. The Manhattan Borough President contributed \$110,000, Brooklyn \$80,000, the Bronx, \$45,000 and Richmond \$12,000.

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Count Szechenyi Greeted By Hungarian Traders

Returning Minister and Husband of Former Gladys Vanderbilt Hopeful for Nation

Count Adelaus Szechenyi, the Hungarian Minister to the United States and husband of the former Gladys Vanderbilt, who has returned to this country after a visit of several months in Hungary, was given a reception yesterday by the American Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, formed during his absence, at its offices in the Flatiron Building. He was accompanied by Dr. Charles Winter, Hungarian Consul General in New York, and was received by Emil Kiss, president of the chamber.

The count expressed his approval of the aims of the chamber in promoting closer business relations between this country and Hungary, and gave a detailed report of his observations concerning economic conditions in Hungary.

He said that stable conditions in that country could not be assured until the Reparations Commission made public the amount of indemnity which Hungary would have to pay. He considered it a favorable indication, however, that the krona had not fallen little in value during the last three months. He also expressed approval of "The New York Economist," a publication edited by Dr. Bela Sekely. Count Szechenyi will go to Washington this morning.

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Destitute on Adams Attack Photographer

Americans Who Were Stranded in Europe Resent Reports "Vagabonds and Thieves" Were in Party

Most of Men Saw Service

International Marriages the Cause of Large Proportion of Them Going Broke

Piqued by stories that some of the 212 Americans on the United States liner President Adams, which docked yesterday afternoon in Hoboken, were classified as vagabonds, petty criminals and mental defectives, some of the detachment vented their wrath upon a news photographer by attempting to attack him when he boarded the vessel in Quarantine. Two Department of Justice men intervened after the tripod which he carried had been torn from his hand and demolished.

Although a few consented to be interviewed by newspaper men, only two or three would divulge their names. Explanations were made to protect the unpleasant characterizations did not refer to the entire detachment. Practically every one of the returning group was a victim of circumstances abroad that made it impossible to gain a livelihood.

Typical was the case of J. H. Caruthers, of Portland, Ore., forty-five years old, who for the last twenty years has been in the American government service. He is married and has a daughter. When the war broke out he enlisted in the 159th Motor Transport Company, and after being mustered out of the service joined the Red Cross. Later he was transferred to the Graves Registration Service, in which he received \$165 a month. Recently his pay was cut to \$60 a month. His family and himself not being able to subsist on this sum, he decided to take the first opportunity of returning to the United States. This came with the sailing of the President Adams.

Most of Them Well Dressed

The party arriving yesterday gathered under the auspices of the American Aid Society in France, and was in charge of F. E. Dyer, of Boston, and O. M. Thomas, of Chicago. Of the 212, there were 108 men, sixty-three women, all wives of ex-service men, and forty-one children. Although all claim American citizenship, 10 per cent are questionable and will be detained by the immigration authorities until they can prove by documents or otherwise their nationality.

A number of the destitute Americans

were well dressed and displayed no sign of privation. Sixty per cent of the men saw service with the Graves Registration Service and with the Department of Agriculture abroad, and prior to that were in the American army. Some exhibited medals won for bravery.

After having left the army or while still in service in Coblenz some of the men were married. A few had returned to this country with brides, but rather than permit their wives to suffer homesickness they returned and attempted to earn a living in France or Germany.

French Refused Care for Baby

A Buffalo man said he was a member of the 9th Regiment, regular army, and went overseas in December, 1917. After the armistice he married. He now has three children. He encountered considerable difficulty obtaining employment as a painter, and the remuneration he received from odd jobs was barely sufficient to take care of his family.

Another ex-service man declared he came to this country several years ago with his French bride, and when she

became homesick he decided to return. After the birth of a child his wife died. He sojourned in France vain and arrived penniless yesterday. He said that when he was in the army some nurses discovered that his baby was an American they declined to take care of it.

Some of the number brought furniture, pets, quantities of lace and heirlooms with them on the President Adams so that they will have something with which to re-establish their homes here.

Another detachment of from 200 to 300 persons will reach this city on the President Polk, due December 3. The President Adams detachment was the vanguard of 800 stranded abroad.

Frank Denied Vote Recanvass

Representative-elect F. H. LaGuardia, former President of the Board of Aldermen, scored another victory yesterday in the Supreme Court, when Henry J. Frank, his Democratic opponent, was denied a recanvass of the votes cast in the 20th Congressional District on November 7, when the count gave Major LaGuardia a victory by about 300 votes.

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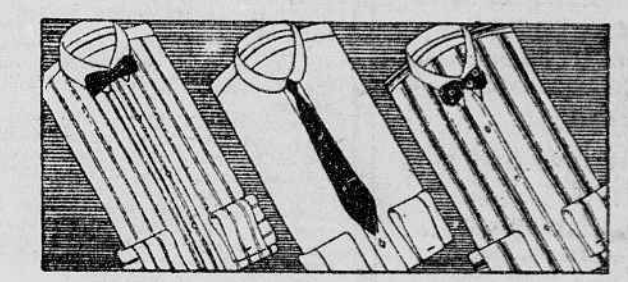
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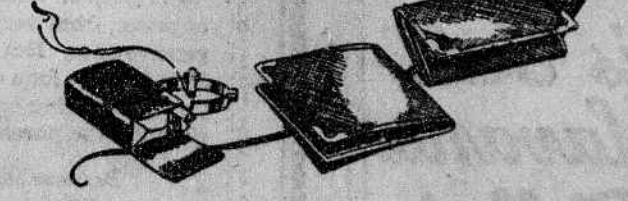
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